

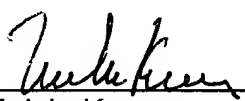
### REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1-22 have been canceled and new claims 23-27 have been presented. Applicants note that the new claims are supported by Embodiment 17 of the specification in conjunction with Figs. 44 and 45, for example. Additionally, a new abstract in conformance with the claimed invention has been provided.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1021.40515X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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